## CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN No. 99-711 TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors ISSUE DATE: April 1999 FROM: Summer Food Service Program Unit ATTENTION: Authorized Representatives SUBJECT: Continuous School Calendar and Year-Round SFSP REFERENCE: United States Department of Agriculture Policy Memorandum #16-99

This Management Bulletin clarifies the eligibility of year-round programs that provide Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals to children who attend school on a year-round or continuous school calendar.

Previously, sponsors providing meals to children who were "off-track" for at least 15 consecutive school days throughout the year were approved to participate on the SFSP. To increase flexibility in response to changes in year-round scheduling, the USDA has changed the 15-day requirement.

Effective immediately, the SFSP Unit has the authority to waive the 15 consecutive school days requirement. A waiver is available for sites that provide meals to children who attend regular classes on a year-round or continuous school calendar and have off-track periods of less than 15 days.

Sponsors that plan to serve children who are off-track for less than 15 days may request a waiver when submitting a Site Information Sheet for the proposed site. The request should include the school track calendar from which the site draws its participants. A map of the site and the school location should also be included.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Garza, Program Analyst, Summer Food Service Program Unit, at (916) 322-5885, mgarza@cde.ca.gov, or (800) 333-5675.

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